

No Eifel Times

There will be no Eifel Times Nov. 29, Thanksgiving holiday week. Submission deadline for the Dec. 6 edition is Nov. 27.

Wing family day

Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, declared Nov. 29 a wing family day.

Dental closure

The Bitburg Annex dental clinic closes Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. For dental emergencies, call the Spangdahlem Air Base dental clinic at 452-8193.

Individual equipment closure

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Individual Equipment Element closes Dec. 3-13 to move to building 103. Call Master Sgt. Byron Grays at 452-6866 or 452-6020 for details.

Core skills training

Mandatory training for all members participating in the wing’s upcoming tactical evaluation takes place Dec. 2-13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the base fitness center. Training consists of nuclear, biological and chemical defense; self-aid and buddy care; ground defense training and more. All attendees must bring gas masks and carriers. Call unit schedulers to schedule training.

New phone number

The 52nd Medical Group Internal Medicine Clinic’s new phone number is 452-3383 or 06561-693383.

Medical training day

Base medical facilities close Dec. 5 to conduct medical readiness training. For urgent care, patients should visit the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room.

Package mailing

The Spangdahlem Air Base post office opens a satellite facility in the housing area, across from the housing office. It’s open on weekdays Dec. 2-13 from noon to 3:30 p.m. The facility offers many of the same postal services as the main post office, except registered mail and credit card services. Call 452-7195 for details.

USAFE gets new vice commander

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld recently announced that the president has nominated Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general with assignment as vice commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Lichte is currently serving as director, Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. (Department of Defense News Service)

Tree lighting

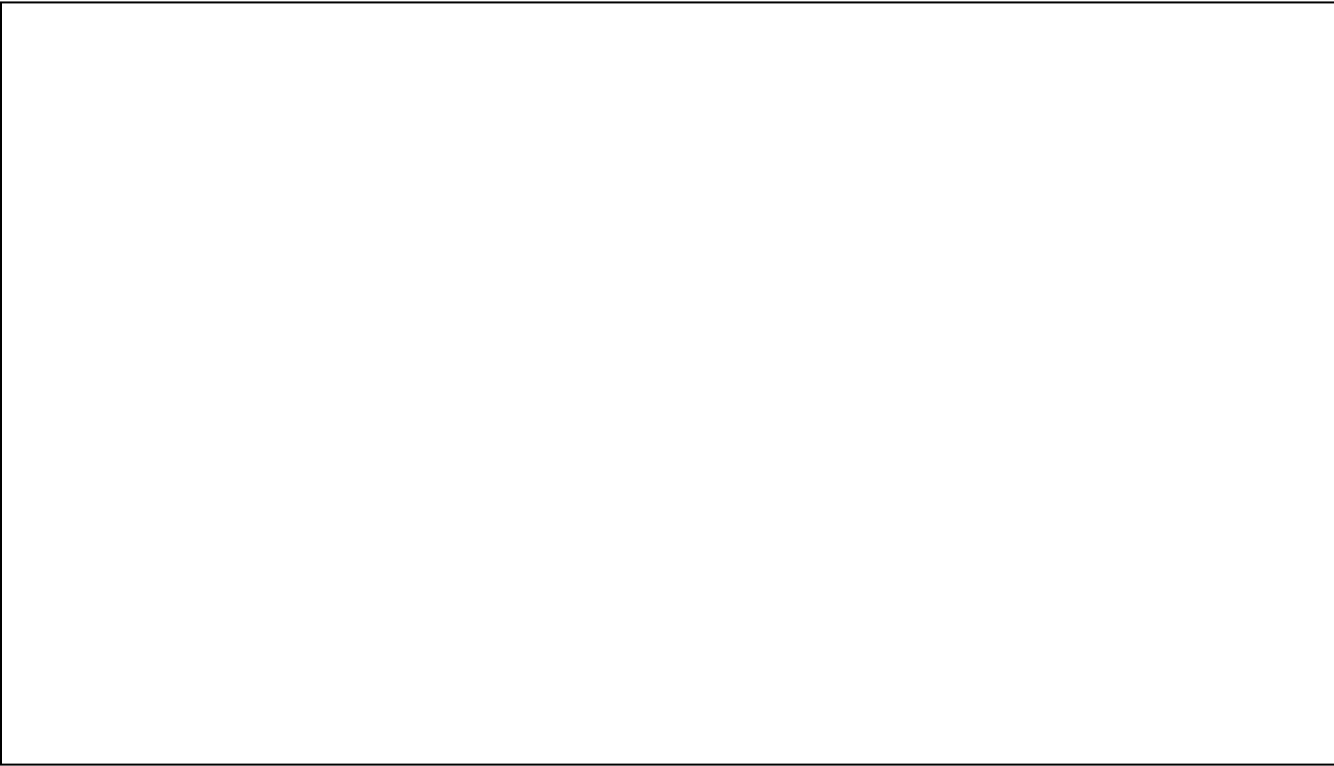
The Spangdahlem Air Base Christmas tree lighting ceremony takes place Dec. 11 at 5:15 p.m. at the chapel. The Bitburg Annex tree lighting ceremony takes place Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the chapel. Event coordinators seek volunteers to chaperone children from the Speicher orphanage who will be attending the event. Call 452-7381 to volunteer.

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Staff Sgt Karen Z. Silcott

Insider’s view

Master Sgt. Gary Allen, center, gives 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron spouses a tour of the jet engine maintenance shop Nov. 14. The tour was offered as an opportunity for squadron spouses to get a first-hand look at the various jobs within the 52nd CMS and to see how the squadron fits into the wing mission. About nine spouses attended the first-time tour. Squadron officials plan to offer another spouses’ tour in the spring, said Master Sgt. Carey Shoff, 52nd CMS first sergeant.

USAFE officials name 52nd FW installation excellence winner

Wing commander lauds members for staying ‘Team Eifel Ready’

By Col. Stephen Mueller  
52nd Fighter Wing commander

You are the best in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, winner of the command-level 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence Award.

I am very proud of each and every one of you for your dedication, hard work, and desire to keep Team Eifel Ready. I know there are lots of members of the 52nd Fighter Wing who put in many extra hours to “ready” our base for the USAFE evaluation. Your extra effort clearly made a difference to the four colonels who evaluated us. The base-wide clean-up was crucial to a positive first impression, and mother nature’s October winds significantly challenged us up to the very last minute, but you truly showed our Air Force core value of “excellence in all we do.”

During the “dry-run” preparation, our group commanders continually marveled at your ability to communicate the critical nature of our business and how each individual’s effort keeps Team Eifel Ready. You were so impressive during the practice

that we knew the evaluation team would see the same spirit and enthusiasm. They did!

The evaluation team chief told me that he had never in his career seen a base pull together with such teamwork and morale. He went on to say that he felt proud to have just been a part of the evaluation team and noted that it was a privilege to serve with such outstanding men and women. Another colonel evaluator said that our airmen inspired her with their job knowledge and sense of teamwork. Simply awesome compliments!

All four evaluators noted that the areas they visited bragged not only about their section, but also the teamwork with other units. That teamwork helped them become even better. By giving credit to others, they in fact showed their excellence.

I have said on numerous occasions that each and every one of you is critical to the success of our wing mission and that we cannot do the job without your skilled expertise and true teamwork. Like complex machinery, one part may seem insignificant when examined in isolation; however, when you take the part away, the machine ceases to function.

Team Eifel, thank you for your dedication and effort to make the 52nd FW the best wing in the Air Force, you should all be justifiably proud. Congratulations!

Immunizations clinic fights flu season with shots

By Maj. David Duque  
52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

The wing has gotten a good jump on the annual flu shot program and is already at 48 percent.

The goal every year, however, is to reach 100 percent to fully protect wing forces against degradation due to influenza, said Lt. Col. Michael Panosian, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron commander.

To help the wing achieve this, the 52nd MDOS has planned a flu shot line for active-duty members Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 5-6 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in building 217. This will be the big push to get the rest of the wing immunized.

All other shots, except yellow fever and anthrax, will also be available. People getting immunized must bring their yellow shot record.

Why all the fuss about ensuring wing members get immunized? Influenza, also known as

the flu, is a contagious virus. It attacks the nose, throat and lungs and is different from a common cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly, with symptoms of fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches.

Most people who get the flu recover within two weeks, but some people develop life-threatening complications such as pneumonia. Anyone can get the flu, including healthy people, and serious complications can occur in any

age group.

The influenza virus is spread when people who have the flu cough, sneeze or speak, which sends the flu virus into the air. When other people inhale the virus, they become susceptible to the illness. The flu may also, but less often, be spread when people touch surfaces that have flu viruses on it, such as a door handle, and

# Big 22 practices night operations in Red Flag 02-04

Compiled from staff reports

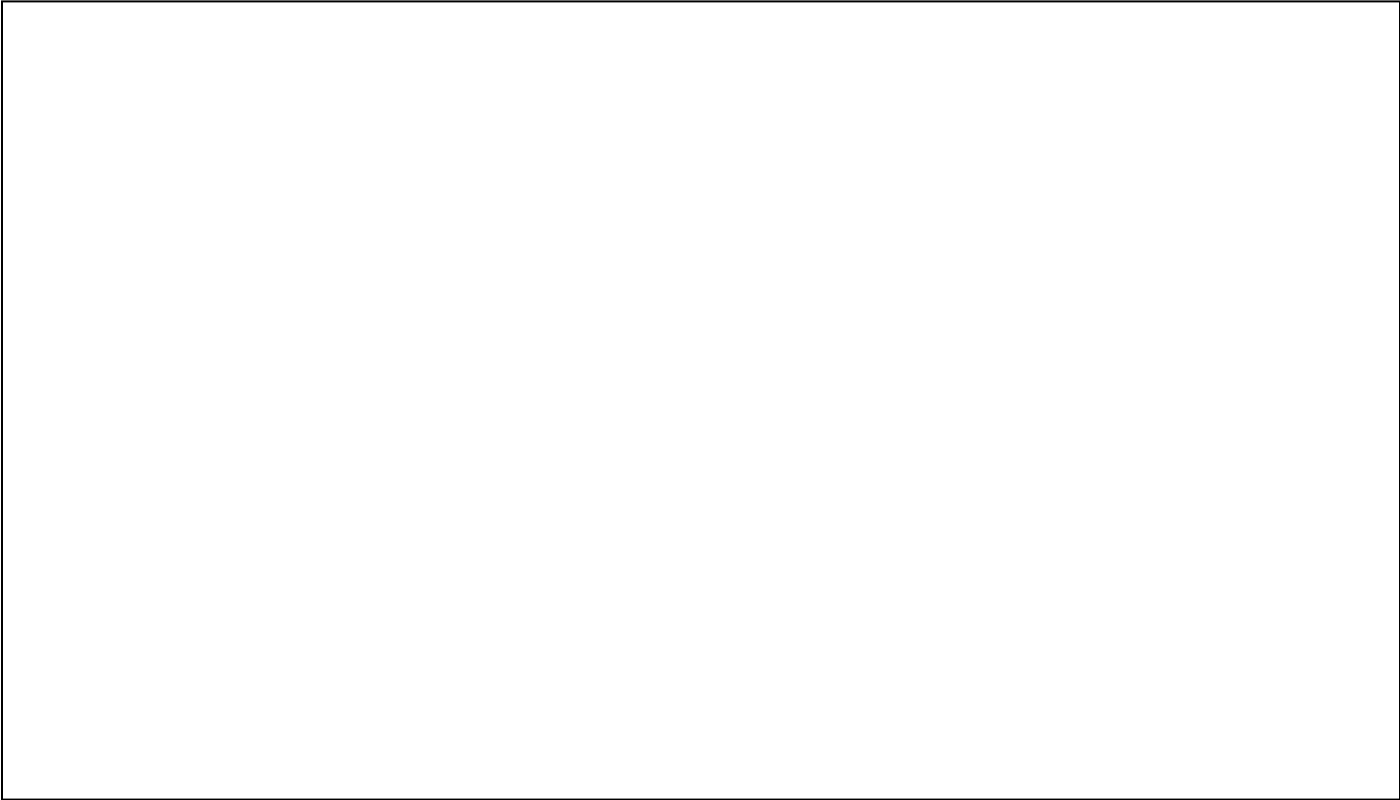
The 22nd Fighter Squadron recently returned from fighter training during exercise Red Flag 02-04 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. More than 170 wing members deployed in support of the exercise.

Since its inception in 1975, Red Flag has become the largest composite training exercise in the world. The exercise typically involves a variety of attack, fighter and bomber aircraft.

“For 22nd FS pilots, Red Flag 02-04 provided the opportunity to fly and fight over the Nellis ranges, which is critical to combat preparation,” said Lt. Col. Timothy Strawther, squadron commander. “The airspace over Nevada allows for a full range of training activities, which allow Big 22 pilots to be on top of their operational game. In addition, flightline personnel had the opportunity to share techniques and procedures with a wide range of other organizations on the ramp at Nellis.”

The event also offered the unique opportunity for night flying. Red Flag 02-04 also offered, “Night Flag,” which allowed pilots and maintainers to practice their skills running a 24-hour, seven-day weekly operation, said the commander.

The training opportunity for the 22nd FS started early, however. The flight route required a 36-hour stop at Shaw AFB, S.C., and the initial ocean crossing included 13 aerial refuelings within the 10-hour flight, said Strawther. Also, the flight from Shaw AFB to Nellis AFB took an additional four hours with three more aerial refuelings.



**Airman 1st Class Dominic Lunsford, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, waits to marshal out a 22nd Fighter Squadron F-16CJ as Staff Sgts. Chris Cabano and Ed Proper, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, remove the tire chocks at Red Flag 04-02 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Nov. 6.**

Senior Airman Jeremy Smith

## Accidents

**By John W. Keeler**  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

Sixteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

The first accident took place on K-38 between Spiecher and Herforst. A Bitburg Polizei investigation revealed that an airman didn’t see a yield sign as she proceeded to make a left turn on the main thoroughfare and was hit by a local national driving on the priority road. The local national was the only person injured in the accident and transported to the Krankenhaus in Ehrang. The airman’s vehicle sustained damage to the left rear door, fender and rear wheel assembly. The other vehicle was totaled.

The second accident happened at the traffic circle on L-46 adjacent to Memorial Avenue. An airman reported that his vehicle

struck a road marker and hit the traffic circle mound. The airman suffered head injury, which rendered him unconscious. The airman was transported to the Bitburg Annex emergency room. Vehicular damage included a broken front bumper. Civilian property damage included a broken road marker. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The third accident took place on L-46 near the Beilingen turn-off. An airman reported that as he negotiated a turn, he lost control of his vehicle and drove into a ditch. There were no injuries. The vehicle sustained undercarriage damage and a blown front tire.

The 13 minor accidents involved:

- Six from inattentive driving.
- Four while backing.
- One driving too fast for conditions.
- Two identified as the fault of another.

In addition, 18 citations were issued.

## Flu

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then touch their nose or mouth.

Influenza is caused by a virus, so antibiotics such as penicillin won’t work to cure it. The best way to prevent the flu is to get the influenza vaccine, commonly called the flu shot, each fall before flu season. Should a vaccinated person still get the flu, it will often be milder than in those who did not get the shot. Also, the flu shot only helps people avoid getting the flu. It doesn’t prevent other illnesses.

The flu shot is mandatory for active-duty members. Unlike last year, there’s no anticipated vaccine shortage for this year’s vaccine. However, to ensure the 52nd Medical Group vaccinates those who need it the most, officials have prioritized who gets the vaccine first. This year Spangdahlem Air Base prioritization lists active-duty immunizations first and then DEERS enrollees. This includes people 64 years or older, people with chronic high-risk

medical conditions, pregnant women and women at 13-weeks gestation or more, children age 6 months to 18 years old on long-term aspirin therapy. Then, all others.

The flu shot is available to all active-duty family members and retirees in the area. Family members and retirees must remember to bring their yellow shot records. The flu shot is also available to pay patients, including contractors, unsponsored personnel and others, on a fee-for-service basis.

Base schools participate in the program by offering the flu shot to faculty members and students through the school nurses. Also, children enrolled in the Bitburg Annex pediatric clinic may get their flu shot at that clinic Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The flu shot is always available through the Spangdahlem AB immunizations clinic.

Call the clinic at 06565-95-8121 or public health at 06565-95-8308 for more information.

# Spang airmen recieve nonjudicial punishment, confinement

*(Editor’s note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment consider the nature of the offense; the record of the service member; the needs for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the service member and the service member’s record.)*

During October, 10 Spangdahlem Air Base airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Also in October, two airmen were convicted in courts-martial.

■A staff sergeant violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months and 14 days extra duty.

■A staff sergeant violated Article 86 by failing to report to work on time. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■A staff sergeant violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

■A staff sergeant violated Article 86 by failing to return from leave on time. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman and 45 days extra duty.

■A staff sergeant violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$170 pay for two months and 45 days extra duty.

■An airman first class violated Article 117 by using provoking words and Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■An airman first class violated Article 86 by failing to report to work on time and Article 92 by transmitting pornographic material on his government computer. The com-

mander imposed a suspended bust to airman and 30 days extra duty.

■An airman first class violated Article 109 by damaging a privately owned vehicle and Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, 15 days extra duty and 30 days restriction.

■An airman violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic. The airman has been administratively discharged from the Air Force.

■An airman basic violated Article 86 by failing to go to an appointment. The commander imposed 30 days extra duty and 30 days restriction.

### Courts-martial

■Airman Basic Justin D. Adney pleaded guilty to three specifications of Article 134 and one specification of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a summary court-martial Oct. 18.

The airman, assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, was sentenced to 30-days confinement and a forfeiture of \$737. He was found guilty of unlawfully entering two dormitory rooms, for being disorderly and for being derelict in performing his duty by willfully failing to return a dormitory master key to the bay orderly room on or about Aug. 10.

■An airman assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was found guilty of violating three articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a special court-martial Oct. 31.

Airman Basic Jermond K. Nichols was found guilty of violating Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana; Article 128, assault; and Article 95, resistance. The airman wrongfully used marijuana on various occasions, struck another airman and resisted apprehension by a member of the base security forces.

A judge alone tried Nichols and sentenced him to a bad conduct discharge and confinement for five months.



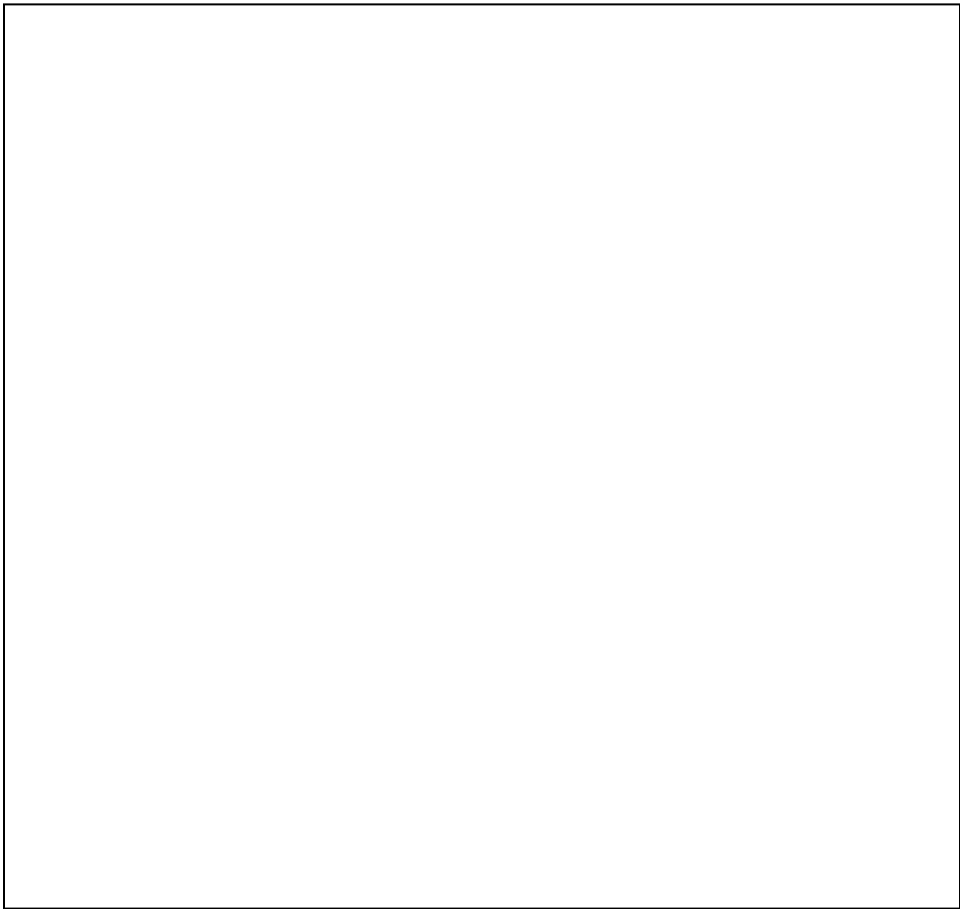
# Wing units lauded as USAFE best

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently recognized the following wing members and agencies for their exceptional contributions during the 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence inspection.

- Units and programs*
- 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Mission Support Squadron and the 52nd Fighter Wing Ground Safety Office**
  - Eifel Lanes bowling center, child development, computer systems management, dental bus, library, lodging, mobile and geographically-separated unit medical, outdoor recreation, services readiness and youth programs**
- Individuals*
- Maj. Michael Stevens**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron
  - Master Sgt. Anthony Bunch**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron
  - Master Sgt. Daniel Demers**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron
  - Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate**, 52nd Services Squadron
  - Tech. Sgt. James Douglas**, 52nd FW Safety Office
  - Senior Airman Haley Singler**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron
- U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently recognized the following quarterly award winner during third quarter 2002.
- 52nd FW Chaplain Service*
- Maj. Cassandra Thomas** - Chaplain
- 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron*
- Fire Protection** - Fire protection flight

- Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Karls** - Enlisted leadership
- Gottfried Loew** - Civilian manager
- Tech. Sgt. Mark Smith** — Military technician
- 52nd Communications Squadron*
- 52nd CS** — Defense Information System Agency Global Information Grid facility
- 22nd Fighter Squadron*
- Maj. Clay Hall** - Fighter aviator
- Wing officials recently recognized the following members for their outstanding achievements throughout the third quarter 2002.
- Capt. Rodney Johns**, 52nd Dental Squadron — Company grade officer
- Senior Master Sgt. Richard Aldridge**, 52nd CES — Senior NCO
- Tech. Sgt. Dennis M. Bryant Jr.**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron — NCO
- Airman Kate Walsh**, 52nd MDSS — Airman
- John Bradley**, 52nd OSS — Senior-level civilian
- Ursula Heck**, 52nd Contracting Squadron — Mid-level civilian
- Tina Cloutier**, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen — Junior-level civilian
- Master Sgt. Mark Buchholz**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron - Resource adviser
- Staff Sgt. Daryl Bagley**, 52nd Logistics

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Members of the 52nd Contracting Squadron Base Support Flight make up this week's Top Saber Team.

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 52nd Contracting Squadron Base Support Flight  
**Unit responsibilities:** Supports the multi-role 52nd Fighter Wing's mission and its unique mix of nearly 70 A/OA-10 and F-16C/D Block 50 aircraft by providing timely acquisition support to more than 13,400 people. Dedicated business advisers trained to contract for mission essential, quality of life services, construction and commodities. Provides enhanced readiness via responsive contract support for worldwide humanitarian and contingency operations.  
**Number of members:** 11  
**How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission?** The base support flight contributes to the mission of the wing by providing 13 concessionaire contracts including the Eifel Line, Hertz Car Rental and club restaurants to name a few. They purchase all wing commodities from heating fuel to million-dollar computer buys. Additionally, base support members buy and administer large dollar service contracts that enhance the quality of life for 52nd FW members.

## Eifel Salutes

**52nd Maintenance Group**  
The maintainers are working hard at keeping things running ... **Master Sgt. Robert Block** is doing a great job improving work areas in both his section and the flight. Not to be outdone, **Staff Sgt. Sean Callies'** finding of two chaffing lines on an A-10's landing gear prevented a possible emergency. **Tech. Sgt. Eric Whittington** didn't find any "chaffing lines," but he did find a way to turn around the cannibalization management program and get positive results. On the security side, **Tech. Sgt. Alex Ragnoli's** management of the personnel reliability program has been exceptional.

**52nd Medical Group**  
**Capt. Tina Allen** has reached out and provided great patient care. Speaking of greatness, **Capt. Donna Hornberger's** talent and enthusiasm was key in making a great showing during the installation excellence visit. The members of the **Spangdahlem pharmacy team** are to be commended for their superior customer service ... and if one great team was not enough, the **52nd Medical Support Squadron combat medics** are lauded for their unyielding dedication to patient care.

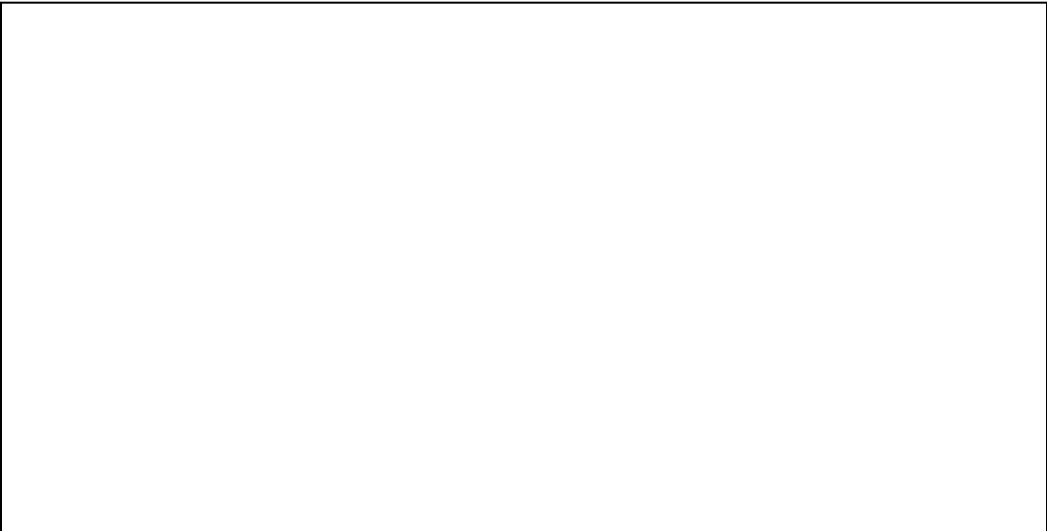
**52nd Operations Group**  
The 22nd Fighter Squadron has returned from their deployment to Red Flag. Top performers were **Staff Sgt.**

**Rachel Rueschman**, who kept the computers running smoothly ... **Capt. Steve Peute** for superior skills in planning and leading six night operation missions ... **Capt. Matt Jensen** for superb performance as a combat wingman during night operations ... and last but not least, **Capt. Chris Vance**, who as a scheduling officer, ensured 100 percent operational effectiveness.

**52nd Mission Support Group**  
"No comm...no bomb," read the base marquee last week. They weren't dropping bombs, but **Staff Sgt. Michele Brooks** and **Senior Airman Jeff Jackson** are some top communicators who worked hard renovating the commander's support staff area and improved the atmosphere greatly. From the services side, **Staff Sgt. Curtis Savoy** achieved greatness by being the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe airmen to be awarded the "fitness specialist pin." No pin for **Capt. Alyson Miller**, but a great "thanks" for preparing the wing for the installation excellence visit.

**James Van Dierendonck Elementary School, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen**  
**Susan Schubert's third grade immersion class** read each day to collect donations for flood victims at Am Wallgraben Grundschule in Grimma, Germany.

*Kudos to all, Team Eifel salutes you!*



Staff Sgt. Keith E. Hisle, 52nd Contracting Squadron commander's support staff NCOIC, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Keith E. Hisle  
**Unit:** 52nd Contracting Squadron, Bitburg Annex  
**Duty title:** NCOIC, Commander's Support Staff  
**Hometown:** Prineville, Ore.  
**Years in Service:** 10  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** "Staff Sgt. Hisle maintains a 100 percent on-time rate for enlisted and officer performance reports, and decoration submissions and fitness ergometry testing. His contributions to quality of life and morale are evident through his involvement with the booster club and fund raisers," said Master Sgt. Rob Swett, contracting squadron superintendent.  
**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Booster Club secretary, organizes Airmen Against Drunk Driving squadron weekends, and is pursuing business and management degrees with the University of Maryland.  
**What do you do for fun?** Reading, watching movies and traveling to exotic and historical destinations. I also enjoy playing with my dog, Chloe, and most importantly, spending time with my wife, Amberly.  
**What do you like most about being stationed here?** The challenges of my job, the people I interact with on a daily basis and the various European cultures.  
**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?**  
Being stationed at Bitburg Annex, I'd like to see the choices at the library updated and expanded. Also, I'd like to see the commissary carry more health foods similar to those found in health food stores.

# to ‘Hooah!’

## Spangdahlem duo share hobby, career

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Not everyone has the courage to ride on top of 1,000-pound beasts capable of tossing and trampling a human being like a wadded up napkin. Not everyone has what it takes to step into the highly disciplined world of an Air Force military training instructor. But a military couple stationed here is doing the former and has undergone strict scrutiny and been selected to do the latter.

Staff Sgts. Travis and Brandy Beck, from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, are Spangdahlem Air Base’s rodeo riding duo headed to the “great state” of Texas, where upon completion of MTI school will be busy “riding” Air Force basic trainees, and when time allows, bulls and horses.

“The Beck’s are truly an outstanding couple,” said Maj. Peter Hofelich, 52nd EMS commander. “Both do a superb job and have the professional skills to excel at any tasking.”

On the road to “excelling” at rodeo, Travis has taken a few beatings. But injuries, including a ligament-ripping shoulder dislocation, have not been enough to keep Travis away from the sport he has been a part of since he was a child.

“I’ve done it forever,” said Travis about his involvement in rodeos.

He was first put on a horse at the tender age of 2, started riding by the time he was 5 and got into rodeo riding later on while still a youngster.

Travis’ experience and talent are apparent, as he has won numerous awards including the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association 2002 Saddle Bronc Riding champion, Calf Roping champion and All-Around champion.

“I just started,” said Brandy about rodeo riding.

Small in physical size but big in courage, Brandy has also racked up some awards in her short time participating in rodeos. She was the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association 2002 Break Away Calf Roping champion and cowgirl Rookie of the Year.

Brandy’s interest in rodeos peaked when she traveled with Travis as he made his rounds around the European rodeo circuit. She looked at it as an avenue to continue something she already enjoyed, riding horses.

“It gave me something to do,” said Brandy, an aerospace ground equipment mechanic with the 52nd EMS and a five-year Air Force veteran.

The search for “something to do” led the Becks to apply for a four-year controlled tour of duty at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas as MTIs.

MTI’s are the Air Force’s drill sergeants. At Lackland, they

are responsible for transforming newly enlisted civilians into airmen and preparing them for service in the Air Force. Often seen as a good career move, those selected for MTI duty undergo a stringent application process where only the best applicants who have established solid military records are selected.

Travis and Brandy have established those solid records, said Hofelich, a 16-year Air Force veteran.

“Both are disciplined, yet demonstrate the necessary people skills to inspire the young troops,” he added.

The MTI selection process was “interesting,” said Travis as he described the mental evaluation part of the selection process where he underwent a series of questionnaires that included a wide variety of personal questions.

“You have to go through physical conditioning exercises and you also have to go through the mental aspect of it,” said Travis. “They want to make sure you are the example all those troops want to look up to.”

Some of the Air Force’s top enlisted leaders have served tours as MTIs. Former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force James McCoy and Gary Pfingston both wore the blue “smokey-bear” hat of the MTI.

For Travis, MTI duty will give him the opportunity to contribute to the Air Force on a “bigger scale.”

“I want a chance to try and help the Air Force ... everyone has got to do their part to help the Air Force,” said Travis, who currently works as a unit deployment manager for the 52nd EMS. Brandy takes a lighter view of the special assignment they started considering at their previous duty station in Japan.

“It’s something different,” said Brandy, who met Travis while they were both going through technical school following basic training. “It will add a little more spice to life.”

“We always have to be doing something different,” added Travis, who married Brandy in Japan, after they were assigned there upon graduating from technical school.

Their impending assignment as MTIs has brought them visibility within their unit, including some lighthearted teasing from their co-workers.

“Some people tell me, ‘You’ll be good at it’ or ‘I can’t see you yelling at people,’” said Travis.

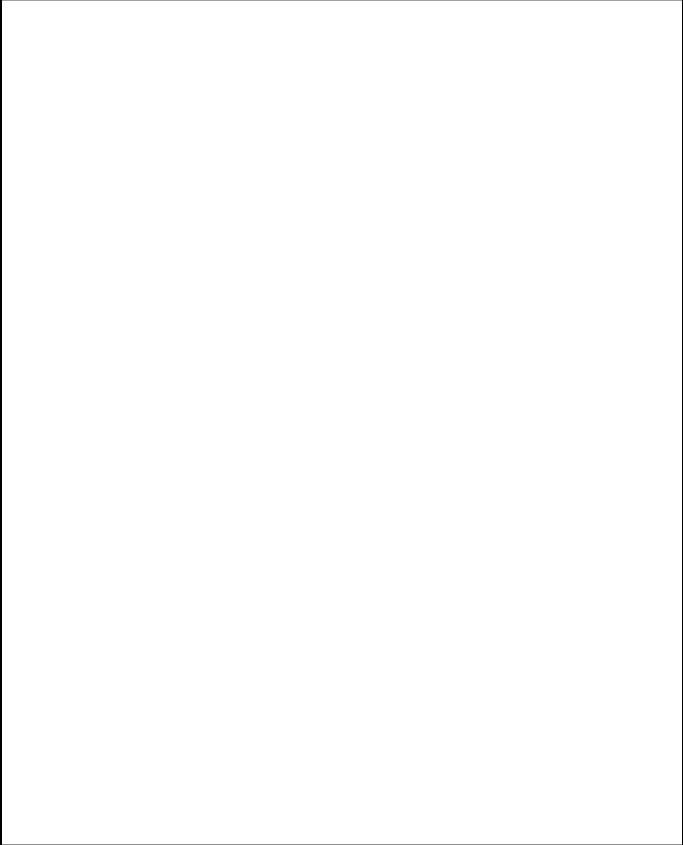
“I get it a lot working in a 60-person shop,” said Brandy. “I’ve been told ‘Why don’t you go out and practice and go yell at those guys.’”

The Beck’s take the teasing in stride and look forward to MTI duty and making a career out of the Air Force.

“Like everybody, I’d love to make chief,” said Travis. “But that 1 percent is pretty small,” referring to the percent of enlisted people who are in the rank of chief master sergeant.

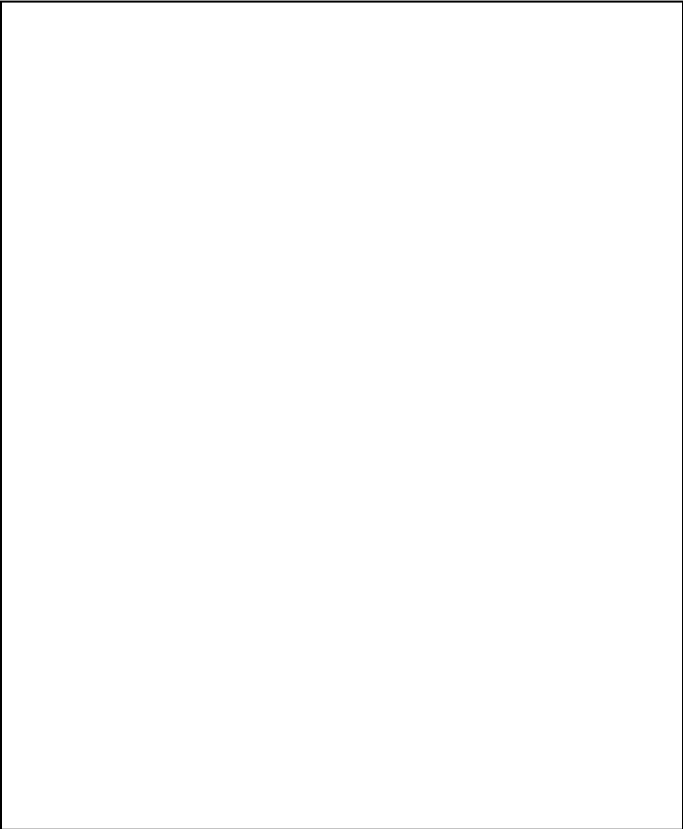
“I’d like to make master (sergeant) by 20,” said Brandy

“The Beck’s can achieve any goal they set their minds to,” said Hofelich. “They will do great as MTI’s, particularly because they exhibit a passion for the Air Force lifestyle ... and they thrive in a high operational environment.”



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Travis Beck, rides a bull in a rodeo in Kaiserslautern, Germany in August.



2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez

Staff Sgt. Brandy Beck, makes adjustments to a C-10 air conditioner. Both Becks are members of the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

## Awards

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Readiness Squadron - Honor Guard member

**Charles Ruffi**, 52nd OSS - Foreign object debris fight

**Kristi Gonzalez**, 52nd MDSS - American Red Cross volunteer

Group officials recently recognized the following quarterly award winners for their outstanding achievements during the third quarter.

*52nd FW Command Group*

**2nd Lt. Patrick Armstrong**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron — CGO

**Master Sgt. Jeffery VanScoy**, 52nd CPTS - SNCO

**Tech. Sgt. Charles Hart III**, 52nd FW Safety Office - NCO

**Birgit Shuh**, 52nd FW Chaplain Service - Mid-level civilian

**Airman Tesha Cerulli**, 52nd CPTS - Airman

*52nd Maintenance Group*

**2nd Lt. Carla Torres**, 52nd CMS — CGO

**Master Sgt. Steven Hewitt**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron — SNCO

**Tech. Sgt. Charles Hawkins**, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base — NCO

**Senior Airman Michael Brown**, 852nd MUNNS - Airman

**Robert Flowers**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron - Mid-level civilian

**Lisette Miller**, 52nd AMXS - Junior-level civilian

**Airman 1st Class John Smith**, 52nd EMS - Maintenance professional airman

**Staff Sgt. Guy B. Hamilton Jr.**, 52nd MXG - Maintenance professional NCO

52nd AMXS Combat 37 crew: **Staff Sgt. Reuben Wood**, **Senior Airman Robert Hoag** and **Senior Airman Jamil Jordan** - Load crew

**Senior Airman Robert Kurz**, 52nd AMXS - Jammer driver

*52nd Medical Group*

**Capt. Rodney Johns**, 52nd DS - CGO

**Master Sgt. Dwayne Atkinson**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron - SNCO

**Tech. Sgt. Dennis M. Bryant Jr.**, 52nd AMDS — NCO

**Airman 1st Class Kate Walsh**, 52nd MDSS - Airman

*52nd Mission Support Group*

**1st Lt. Peter Crispell**, 52nd CES - CGO

**Senior Master Sgt. Richard Aldridge**, 52nd CES — SNCO

**Tech. Sgt. Robert Lovett**, 52nd CES — NCO

**Airman 1st Class Manuel Becker**, 52nd LRS - Airman

**Lothar Weber**, 52nd CES - Senior-level civilian

**Ursula Heck**, 52nd Contracting Squadron - Mid-level civilian

**Tina Cloutier**, 470th ABS, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen - Junior-level civilian

*52nd Operations Group*

**Capt. John Daniels**, 606th Air Control Squadron - CGO

**Master Sgt. Patrick Ross**, 606th ACS - SNCO

**Staff Sgt. Eddie LaBar**, 52nd OSS - NCO

**Senior Airman Armando Ruano**, 52nd OSS - Airman

**John Bradley**, 52nd OSS - Civilian

**Capt. Christopher Kibble**, 23rd FS - Flight lead

**Capt. Joshua Hughes**, 81st FS - Wingman

**Capt. Clinton Eichelberger**, 52nd OSS - Instructor pilot

**1st Lt. David Anderson** and **Tech. Sgt. Gary Tompkins**, Intelligence Flight top performers



Community  
Mailbox

Correction: Dorm baskets

Dorm basket coordinators accept home-baked cookies Dec. 16 from 7-9 a.m. at the Spang Club. Volunteers to put together the baskets should arrive at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 01605-850789.

Holiday hours

■The Bitburg Annex branch of Community Bank is open from 10 a.m. to noon Thanksgiving Day. The Spangdahlem Air Base branch is open from 9:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 28.

■Both commissaries are closed Thursday. The Spangdahlem Air Base commissary is open Friday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Bitburg Annex store is open Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Chili tasting time

The 52nd Fighter Wing Top 3 chili cook-off takes place today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange. Proceeds of sales go toward Operation Warmheart.

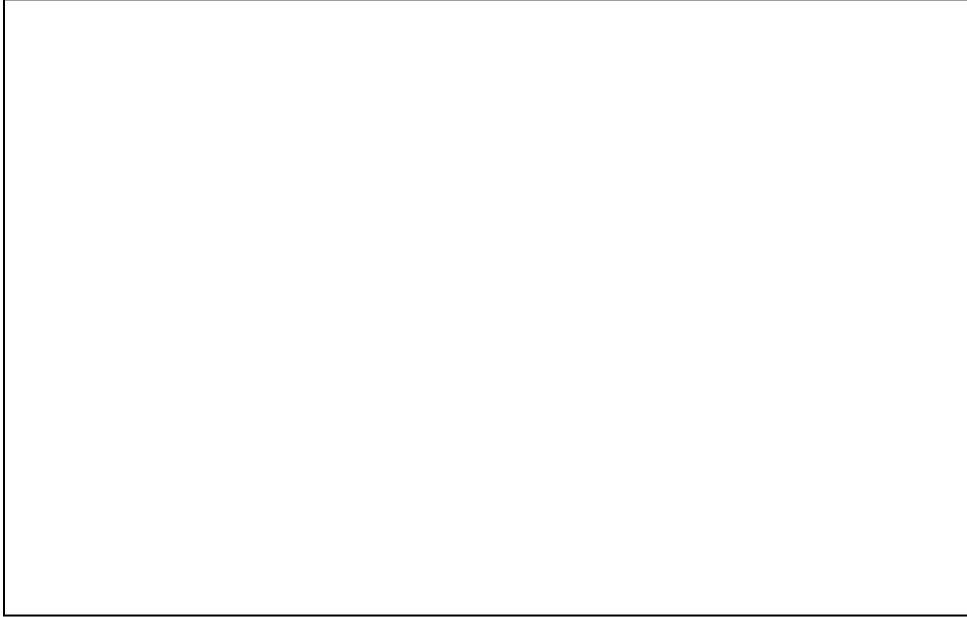
Thanksgiving worship

Services take place at the following dates and times. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.

- Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel*
- Sunday Night Live meets at 5 p.m.
  - Base service and pie social, Wednesday at noon
  - Bitburg Annex Chapel*
  - Contemporary worship, Sunday at 5 p.m.
  - Catholic Mass, Thursday at 10 a.m.

Family support center news

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-9491 to register.



Staff Sgt Karen Z. Silcott

Holiday shopping

Lori Hardesty checks out at the Bitburg Annex base exchange with the help of store clerk Andrea Ohl. During Thanksgiving holidays, the Bitburg Annex BX is open Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange is closed Nov. 28. It is open Nov. 29-30 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Preseparation consultation, Monday and Dec. 2 from 9-10:30 a.m.
  - Predeployment briefing for active-duty and family members, Tuesday from 8-9 a.m. and Dec. 3 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
  - Stamping class, Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
  - Federal employment, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon.
  - Resume writing, Dec. 3 from 5-7 p.m.
  - Welcome bags for newcomers, Dec. 4 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
  - Travel by train to Cologne, Dec. 5, meet at the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary at 7:45 a.m.
  - Local employment, Dec. 5 from 1-3 p.m.
  - Sponsorship training, Dec. 5 from 10-11 a.m.
- The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.
- Creative critters, Monday and Dec. 2 from 10-11 a.m.
  - Career profiling, Tuesday from 1-3:30 p.m.
  - Personal communications class,

- Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.
- Home buying, Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m.
  - Cooking Club bakes cookies, Dec. 4 from 6-8 p.m.

Skills development

- The following craft classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register for classes at Craft and Party Central in the base community activity center. Call 452-4141 for details.
- Beginner tole painting, Dec. 12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.
  - Holiday album scrapbooking, Dec. 4 and 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.
  - Year at a glance scrapbooking, Dec. 9 and 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.
  - Rubber stamping Christmas gifts, Dec. 10 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10.
- The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.
- Basketweaving, Dec. 17 from 5-9 p.m. Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

- Beginner tole painting, Dec. 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.

SES news

- Parent seminars take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday in various locations throughout the school. Topics include making friends, positive discipline and homework without tears. Childcare is provided. Call 452-6881 or 452-7205 for more information.
- A special Thanksgiving dinner for 52nd Security Forces Squadron members who will be on duty Thanksgiving Day takes place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the information center.

LOR tournament

A “Lord of the Rings” game tournament takes place Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Eifel Coffee Mill, in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. Players must bring their own deck to participate. Call 06553-900331 for details.

Mini-bazaar

The holiday mini-bazaar takes place Dec. 6 from noon to 7 p.m., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the base community activities center at 452-7381 for more information.

Tuition assistance

Applications for Term III spouse tuition assistance are available at the base education center. Submission deadline is Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. Term III runs from Jan. 20 through March 14. Call 452-6063 for details.

HAWC news

- The following classes take place at the 52nd Medical Group Health and Wellness Center in building 130. Call Staff Sgt. Jason Herman at 452-9355 for more information.
- A class teaching quick and healthy cooking takes place Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.
  - A two-session class on healthy eating out takes place Dec. 6 and 13 at noon.

Emergency contact numbers

Dial 112 for emergency assistance within the European Union. Visit [www.112sos.be/code/en/tout.htm](http://www.112sos.be/code/en/tout.htm) for more emergency contact information.

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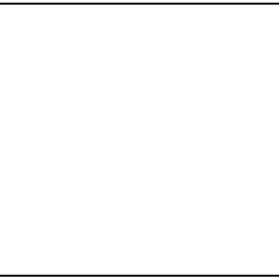
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Unit	Goal	Flown
22FS	46	33
23FS	84	99
81FS	60	73

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# Viewpoint

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From the top

## Top Air Force leaders say, ‘Thanks for giving’

WASHINGTON — The following message is  
from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche  
and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

“Thanksgiving is a time when Americans pause  
to reflect on our nation’s abundant blessings.  
Indeed, each citizen in our democracy has much to  
be grateful for -- our way of life built on freedom  
and liberty.

“With these numerous blessings comes an equal-  
ly great responsibility; the responsibility to serve a

cause greater than self -- to serve as freedom’s  
champion and to stand firm against terror and  
aggression. As airmen, our efforts in support of the  
global war on terrorism serve as a rallying point for  
freedom-loving people everywhere. Whether this  
Thanksgiving finds you at home station or deployed  
to a distant corner of the world, know that your  
service is tremendously meaningful and appreciated.

“We send our heartfelt thanks to the entire total  
force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian

airmen who perform magnificently each and every  
day. Your commitment and dedication ensure that  
the United States Air Force remains the world’s pre-  
mier air and space force, and your contributions to  
our nation’s joint operations provide great comfort  
to those who value freedom around the world. On  
behalf of a very grateful nation, thank you for your  
service.

“Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.” (Air  
Force Print News)

Leader’s view

## Team Eifel success relies on staying ready, focused

By Lt. Col. Kevin Booth  
52nd Operations Support Squadron com-  
mander

Two months ago, Team Eifel vali-  
dated our ability to quickly and effi-  
ciently react to short-notice wartime  
tasking. We generated aircraft,  
processed troops and equipment and  
flew off to meet a notional “Euro  
Lightning” commitment.

Our Operational Readiness  
Inspection success was due to lots of  
hard work, preparation and effective  
execution. Intense preparation and  
subsequent success are often the pre-  
cursors to a team let-down.

I am confident that current events  
have kept the men and women of  
Team Eifel focused on “real world”  
mission readiness. My concern is that  
we may not fully recognize the prepa-  
ration required to succeed in the  
NATO tactical evaluation and the fol-  
low-on increase in “real world” readi-  
ness we’ll realize from that prepara-  
tion.

Some may question the need to val-  
idate our combat capabilities to our

NATO inspectors now, when conflicts  
in other theaters are so near at hand. I  
prefer to look at the TAC EVAL  
preparation as a tactically focused  
dress rehearsal for what our country  
may ask us to do very soon.

While the NATO TAC EVAL sce-  
nario might not equate to our expected  
theater of operations, it can still test  
our ability to execute our mission  
under the stressors of war. I propose  
preparation in three categories: profes-  
sional, organizational and personal.

Professional preparation involves  
knowing what role you will play on  
the team, honing the skills required for  
success in your role and anticipating  
some of the unexpected requirements  
of war. Supervisors should communi-  
cate roles to their airmen and airmen  
who are unsure of their roles should  
ask what they will be tasked to do.  
Honest evaluation of your professional  
strengths and weaknesses will help  
focus your professional preparation.  
Strengthen the areas you deem weak-  
est and exercise those areas in our two  
Phase II Local Salty Nation exercises.

Anticipating the unexpected may  
sound tough, but everyone will be sub-  
ject to skills evaluation in certain  
areas. NATO evaluators will test us on  
our knowledge and procedures for  
alarm conditions, post attack recon-  
naissance, self-aid and buddy care, and  
chemical warfare defense among other  
things.

Organizational readiness is fairly  
simple if everyone knows their role  
and is prepared to perform it. The dif-  
ficult part occurs when the inspector  
(or SCUD missile) takes out a team  
leader or critical team member.

Organizations at all levels must  
prepare for this eventuality and pre-  
select team members who can step up  
and get the job done. This requires  
training subordinates in duties they  
may not normally be tasked to accom-  
plish and talking through the “what  
ifs” of fallout. No team can afford to  
be “one deep” at any position.

Lastly, but certainly not least, is  
personal preparation. I am differentiat-  
ing this from professional preparation

because about 12 years ago I learned  
some valuable lessons. Faced with a  
no-notice deployment to Operations  
Desert Shield and Desert Storm it was  
clear that my professional preparation  
was far better than my personal prepa-  
ration.

Personal preparation entails prepar-  
ing yourself and your family for  
lengthy deployments and involvement  
in dangerous wartime operations.  
Beyond the minimum requirements for  
finances, wills and powers of attorney,  
military members should routinely dis-  
cuss and “what if” the hardships of  
war on their families.

Spouses should be comfortable  
with the knowledge of what support  
agencies are available to them. Some  
families will be most comfortable in-  
place, while others with young chil-  
dren may want to return to the United  
States. The best options are family  
specific, but warrant discussion before  
the flag goes up.

Preparation produces readiness ...  
Team Eifel is ready and focused!

### Not all winter holidays are alike:

## Jewish layleader shares Hanukkah story, festival of lights

By Master Sgt. David A. Berry  
Jewish lay leader

Thanksgiving is nearing and so is  
the official holiday shopping season.  
When many people think of the winter  
holidays, they picture nativity scenes,  
Christmas trees and Santa Claus. But  
out there is another holiday many  
know little of. This holiday is  
Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of  
Lights.

Many equate it with being a  
“Jewish Christmas,” as both holidays  
begin fairly close to one another, but it  
has an entirely different meaning.

This year, Hanukkah begins the  
evening of Nov. 29. The holiday is  
rooted deeply into the Jewish past. It

was in 175 B.C. the Jewish people  
were under the rule of the Seleucid  
Greek Empire. The ruler of the time,  
Antiochus IV, had decided that every-  
one in the empire would worship the  
Greek gods. He eventually outlawed  
Judaism, honoring the Sabbath and  
other Jewish rituals such as circumci-  
sion. He even outlawed the Jewish  
High Holy days.

Then, one day, in the town of  
Modin, a certain Jew named Mattathias  
slew one of his brethren making a sac-  
rifice to one of the pagan gods. This  
action started a civil war that lasted  
nearly four years.

After his death, his son Judah,  
called Macabee, the “Hammer,” took

over the fight. In the end, the Jewish  
people would win their freedom and  
rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem.

Legend has it, that when the High  
Priest attempted to light the Great  
Menorah, only one vial of oil could be  
found. Miraculously, this vile burned  
for eight days, giving us the eight days  
and nights of Hanukkah.

As with any other holiday, there are  
many traditions and foods that accom-  
pany it. One such tradition is eating  
potato pancakes, also called “latkes.”  
We eat them because being fried in  
copious amounts of oil, they remind us  
of the oil that miraculously burned for  
eight days and nights.

Hanukkah also has a lesson for all

of humanity. Being the first recorded  
fight for religious freedom, it teaches  
us to respect the rights and beliefs of  
all peoples, whatever they may be.

So, with each successive night of  
Hanukkah, as we light our menorah,  
we should reflect upon the spiritual and  
the physical. Remembering those who  
have gone before us, recounting their  
brave deeds of keeping freedom’s great  
call alive.

The base will hold a Hanukkah  
Menorah lighting Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m.at  
the base chapel. Everyone is welcome.  
For the betterment of all of humanity, a  
good Hanukkah to all! Shalom.

## Out and About

*(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)*

- Visit flea markets Sunday on Trier-West Hornstrasse; inside and outside the Kroev wine hall, at the Daun Café Classico, in front of the Mayen Hit Market and inside a hall nearby, and inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall.
  - Christmas Moments features a popular Christmas concert and entertainment show by Thomas Schwab and his ensemble, featuring classical tunes as well as soul and pop music. The ensemble is touring the area and will have a show Dec. 8 at the Bernkastel Cusanus birth house, Dec. 15 at the Bitburg Edith Stein school, and Dec. 21 and 22 at the Trier Europa hall. Tickets are 15, 21, 26 and 29,50 euros. The event starts at 8 p.m. Reserve your ticket early since the shows are popular and sell out quickly every year. For tickets, call the ticket hot line at 06531-94407 or 01805-220444.
  - Children may participate in a special circus workshop today from 3-7 p.m., Saturday from 3-7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Zerf Buergerhaus or community hall. The community of Zerf is located near Hermeskeil. To register and for directions on the workshop, call Roswitha Mueller at 06587-70066 or Carola Marschner at 06587-9725.
  - The Black Gospel Singers ensemble performs a special concert Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at Bitburg Flugplatz Hall 300. For further details concerning the event, call 030-20456731.
  - Reserve tickets now to the Pinocchio children's performance Dec. 7 and 25 at the Trier Stadt theater or city theater. The performance is called the Italian Dream, performed by Wilfried Hiller. For more information, call the theater between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at 0651-7181818 or go to [www.theater-trier.de](http://www.theater-trier.de).
  - Children may enjoy and learn magic tricks Saturday at 3 p.m. in Preist elementary school.
  - The Landscheid music association performs a church concert Sunday at 10 a.m. in the local catholic church. Compositions by Handel and others will be performed in a festive atmosphere.
  - A children's concert takes place Dec. 8 in the Trier city theater. For more information, call the theater between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at 0651-7181818 or go to [www.theater-trier.de](http://www.theater-trier.de).
  - The Eifel Wanderers torch-light volksmarch in Morbach-Bischofsdhron, Germany, takes place Saturday. Transportation departs the Bitburg Annex at 3:30 p.m. and from Spangdahlem Air Base at 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children.
  - The volksmarch club also takes a trip to Metz, France, for the Christmas markets Dec. 7. Transportation departs the Bitburg Annex commissary at noon and the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.
  - Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail [chat-terbox@gruenewald.de](mailto:chat-terbox@gruenewald.de) for more information.
- ...
- Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem AB Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.
- Oberhausen mall shopping express, Nov. 29. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3-12.
  - Cologne Christmas market, Nov. 30. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.
  - Rothenburg Christmas market, Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$35 for children.
  - Stuttgart Christmas market, Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$35 for children.
  - Neuschwanstein castle and Munich Christmas market, Dec. 14. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$65 for children.
  - Nuernberg Christmas market, Dec. 14. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$35 for children.



File photo by Iris Reiff

Shoppers admire traditional German wooden smokers and Christmas pyramids at a local Christmas market. In addition to gift items, Christmas markets also commonly feature seasonal treats, warm beverages and entertainment.

# Christmas markets usher in holiday season festivities

## Castle, medieval town sites of traditional winter celebrations

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Christmas season opens in the Eifel with two traditional markets in Dudeldorf and Manderscheid. Both markets are well known for being unique and setting an effective holiday mood.

### Dudeldorf market

The Dudeldorf Christmas market has become quite popular over the years, attracting people from other German regions. This market is nestled within a scenic community, featuring charming houses and quaint medieval corners.

Again this year, more than 40 vendors will sell food and Christmas crafts in small, decorated wooden huts set up in the town streets. Bakers also prepare special holiday treats, including the

Eifel's longest Christmas cake.

Entertainment includes children's games and movies, an icon display, Christmas mansion tours inside Dudeldorf castle and the Dudeldorf arched gate. A raffle also offers people the chance to win prizes.

On both days, Sankt Nikolaus, the German Santa, will hand out treats to children. Jens Gottschalk is on schedule to read Christmas fairy tales and German stories. Musicians and singers perform Christmas music and chorales on stage.

The Dudeldorf market opens today at 4 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The market closes at 8 p.m. daily.

### Manderscheid market

Manderscheid city and castle officials invite the Eifel military community to its Christmas market Saturday and Sunday.

Festivities take place in the famous Niederburg upper castle and within the castle's ring. Castle officials laud last

year's event as a great success, which attracted more than 5,000 visitors.

Large-scale entertainment is scheduled this year. Highlights include a live Christmas mansion and castle illumination in the evening.

Festival officials work diligently to create a unique atmosphere where people can shop for Christmas gifts and art. Vendors' booths offer wooden toys, engraved works, holiday incense oils, Christmas figure art, craft items, pearl works, silver jewelry and much more. A variety of traditional holiday foods are also available throughout the event.

From the center of town, a bus shuttles visitors to the castle, which is located outside of Manderscheid.

For more information, call castle officials at 06572-737 or the Manderscheid administrative office at 06572-921549.

The Manderscheid Christmas market is open Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry to the castle is free.

# Advent wreath lighting illuminates beginning of Christmas celebrations

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs Office

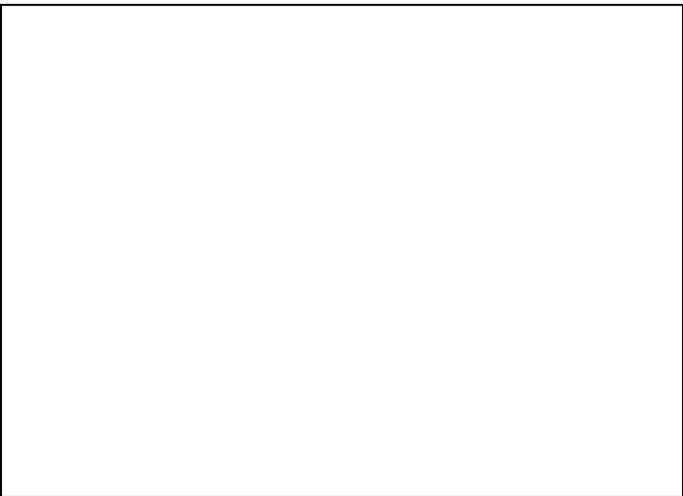
The four Sundays of Advent mark the beginning of the Christmas celebration and with it, the beginning of the church year.

Advent, which has existed in the Western church since the 6th century, was originally a time for fasting. It wasn't until the period of the enlightenment that Advent became more and more clearly the time when families prepared for Christmas.

The Advent wreath became popular in northern Germany soon after World War I. Since the 1930s, it's become popular throughout the German-speaking parts of Europe.

The wreath is made of fir branches with four candles, one of which is lighted each Advent Sunday until all four are burning together.

Sunday is "Advent 1." The first candle will be lighted during church services and at people's homes. Three more candles and Christmas arrives.



Iris Reiff

A traditional German Advent wreath.



**Muscle and fitness**  
Left to right, Terry James, 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office; James Thomas, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Edwin Lopez, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Leo Davis, Bitburg Annex GNC manager; Paul Edwards, civilian; and Salondro Lee, civilian, demonstrate the poses they performed at the Darmstadt bodybuilding competition Nov. 9. In the competition, James placed third in the men's middleweight category, Thomas won men's heavyweight, Lopez placed third in men's heavyweight, Davis placed fifth in men's heavyweight, Edwards placed second in men's middleweight and Lee won the men's master division. Not shown, Angela Savoy, Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center aerobic instructor, placed second in the the women's lightweight division and Melissa Dugiou, Bitburg Annex GNC assistant manager, placed fourth in the same division.

Staff Sgt. Juanita Thomas

# Barons wrap up football season with awards ceremony

By Coach Rik Carr  
Bitburg High School Barons football

The Bitburg Barons football team annual end of the season banquet took place Nov. 8. The event recognized players, parents and Eifel community members who helped make each season a success. Among those honored were:

### Varsity awards

- Senior Braden Blake — Most valuable varsity player
- Blake and Senior Jeremy Ponce — Derek Stokes Memorial Award for Defensive Excellence
- Ponce — Most outstanding two-way player
- Freshman BJ Phillips — Most outstanding offensive player
- Senior Trey Murray — Most outstanding lineman
- Senior Andy Flores and Sophomore Erik Pumbo —

- Most outstanding special teams
- Senior Rob Gibson — Most improved
- Sophomore Devon Gardner — Coaches Award
- Blake, GPA 4.16 — Scholar athlete
- All Conference Division II North
- First Team — Blake, linebacker; Ponce, linebacker; Senior Trey Murray, offensive line; Junior Randy Vanginkel, defensive line; Phillips, punter.
- Second Team - Junior Chris Cornell, offensive line, and Gibson, receiver.
- Junior varsity awards
- Sophomore Trey Wilson — Best offensive player
- Sophomore James Brown — Best defensive player
- Sophmores Fritz Mead and Steve Gastelum — Best line-men

- Sophomore Andrew Draper — Most improved player
- Draper, GPA 4.14 — Scholar athlete
- The following players also made the school honor roll:
- Justin Cole, Chris Cornell and Ben Shay — 4.0 grade-point average
- Phillips and Kris Kruse — 3.85
- Pumbo, Daniel Brunal and Gardner — 3.57
- Ashley Baltadonis, Kyle McQuiston, Jackie Perry, Nick Spakman and Trey Wilson - 3.42
- Brown - 3.33 and Tom Mueller and Gary Adamoyurka - 3.28
- Jon Coker, Murray, Alton Tabotton, Alyx Walks and Thomas Woodberry - 3.14
- Flores, Robert Gibson, Tony Messina, Steve Gastelum, Bradon Morales, Anthony Fornicola and Billy Coker - 3.0

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<p>All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at <a href="http://www.aafes.com/ems-(no hyphen)/default.asp">www.aafes.com/ems-(no hyphen)/default.asp</a>.</p> <p><b>Bitburg Castle Today</b> <i>Red Dragon (R)</i></p> <p>After capturing Dr. Hannibal Lecter, former FBI agent Will Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a new killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lecter, with whom he shares a unique relationship. (Violence, grisly images, language, nudity and sexuality.)</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> <i>Fear Dot Com (R)</i></p> <p>If you click “yes” - and you know you want to - you’ll be logged on to the Internet site feardot.com, and the game begins. What follows is a miasma of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror. (Images of torture, nudity and language.)</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> <i>Red Dragon</i></p> <p><b>Closed Monday and Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> <i>Fear Dot Com</i></p> <p><b>Thursday</b> <i>Signs (PG-13)</i></p> <p>In Bucks County, Pa., a 500-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town’s reverend. The circles cause a media frenzy and test Hess’s faith as he journeys to find out the truth behind the crop circles. (Frightening scenes.)</p> <p><b>Nov. 29</b> <i>The Transporter (PG-13, 10 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Dangerous complications ensue when a former U.S. special forces soldier turned expatriate mercenary is hired to kidnap the feisty daughter of a lethal Chinese cook who’s smuggling his fellow countrymen into France. (Violence and sensuality.)</p> <p><b>Nov. 30</b> <i>White Oleander (PG-13)</i></p> <p>Astrid is a teen-ager who journeys through a series of foster homes after her mother goes to prison for committing a crime of passion. Astrid struggles to become her own person, moving from foster home and foster home and meeting other foster mothers who try and help her. (Mature thematic, subject, drug content, language, sexuality and violence.)</p>	<p><b>Dec. 1</b> <i>The Transporter</i></p> <p><b>Closed Dec. 2-3</b></p> <p><b>Dec. 4</b> <i>White Oleander</i></p> <p><b>Dec. 5</b> <i>Stealing Harvard (PG-13)</i></p> <p>John is a hard working guy who only wants to marry his long time girlfriend Elaine. Elaine and John have vowed to marry once they save \$30,000 for their dream house. John’s sister calls to remind him to pay his niece’s tuition, which is due in two weeks. Unable to tell his girlfriend, John turns to his friend Duff to help him . (Crude and sexual humor, language and drug references.)</p> <p><b>Spangdahlem Skyline Today</b> <i>White Oleander (PG-13)</i></p> <p><i>The Transporter (PG-13, 10 p.m.)</i></p> <p><b>Saturday</b> <i>The Transporter</i></p> <p><i>City by the Sea (R, 10 p.m.)</i> Vincent LaMarca, a NYPD</p>	<p>detective, discovers murder is a common denominator in his family. While his father’s crimes were hainous enough, Vincent discovers his son may be on the same path. In the midst of a Long Beach murder investigation, evidence points to Joey as the prime suspect. (Language, drug use and violence.)</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> <i>White Oleander</i></p> <p><b>Monday</b> <i>Stealing Harvard</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> <i>White Oleander</i></p> <p><b>Closed Wednesday and Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Nov. 29</b> <i>Abandon (PG-13)</i></p> <p>College student Catherine Burke must deal with the 2-year-old disappearance of her boyfriend, Embry Langan, when detective Wade Handler begins an investigation. Catherine is haunted by memories of Embry, and is torn as Handler uncovers new evidence that may link his disappearance to that of another student from the college campus. (Drug content, sexuality, violence and language.)</p>	<p><i>Trapped (R, 10 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Joe and Cheryl have orchestrated and refined a foolproof plan to extort money from wealthy families. They’ve preyed upon helpless families with confidence, skill and success. But this time, they picked the wrong family. (Violence, language and sexual content.)</p> <p><b>Nov. 30</b> <i>Spy Kids II (PG)</i></p> <p>Carmen and Juni are Level 2 OSS agents, about to set off on their own solo mission, or so they think. But this time it will take the whole family to keep the world safe from danger. (Crude humor.)</p> <p><i>Abandon (10 p.m.)</i></p> <p><b>Dec. 1</b> <i>Spy Kids II</i></p> <p><b>Dec. 2</b> <i>Abandon</i></p> <p><b>Dec. 3</b> <i>Trapped</i></p> <p><b>Closed Dec. 4-5</b></p> <p>Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current movie information, call 452-9441.</p>